



**Open Space Committee  
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room  
Minutes**

Thursday, December 13, 2018, 7:30pm

**Present:** David White, Ann LeRoyer, Brian Kelder, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Kelsey Cowen, John Pickle, Wendy Richter, Emily Sullivan

**Absent:** Jane Auger, Shirley Canniff, Teresa DeBenedictus

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September, October, and November meetings were accepted with revisions and corrections.

**OSC Line Item in Town Budget:** Committee approved memo to request a \$300 line item in the town budget. Memo will head to the Town Manager's office next for review.

**Open Space Plan:** Committee discussed potential funding sources to hire a consultant for the 2015-2022 plan. CDBG, a previous funding source, continues to call for grant proposals, so we will remain aware of next year's RFP from CDBG. We have access to an editable version of the 2015 Open Space Plan.

**Communications:** We've received new photos from Friends of Magnolia Park, and wait for new photos of Robbins Farm to update the Experiencing Arlington app on the OSC web page. The map is likely an ESRI story map using photos from Flickr, which Brian and Kelsey are able to update once we gain access to the relevant account. Emily will follow-up with David Fields, who created the map when he worked in the Planning Department, to gain access to the account he used to create the story map.

**Picture Post:** The committee discussed adding picture posts to the community gardens at Robbins Farm Park and Magnolia Park this year.

**CPA:** Final applications for 2019 were due December 10. MyRWA and the Reservoir are requesting funding for phase 2 of each project. John worked with the Hardy School to incorporate the installation of sundials into their CPA funding proposal.

**Other News:**

- Wendy submitted a letter to express her feedback on the most recent schematic design for the Arlington High School Building Project. Committee discussed drafting a formal letter providing feedback on open space concerns relating to the project. Emily will identify the best point of contact on the Sustainability Building Committee to whom we can send the letter. David will draft the letter for the OSC's review.
- Weston & Sampson have put together a preliminary bid package for the Municipal Vulnerability Grant that will be submitted to the Conservation Commission for approval. The contractor for the project will begin work in March and April, to be completed by June 30.
- EcoFest is scheduled for March 3, and the theme will be around energy.

**Take-A-Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces:** Committee organized a sub-committee meeting to finalize walking routes before meeting with Adam to finesse design of the walking route maps. We are aiming to have a

full set of walking route maps available for events the Town is planning as part of its Earth Day celebrations (likely the week of April 22).

**Next meeting:** January 24

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Cowen

**2019 Meeting Dates:** Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, June 27, July/Aug TBD, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12